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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT : Briefing of General Donovan by ORR Personnel

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1. Enclosed is a copy of the informal report prepared by [REDACTED] after his visit with General Donovan on 19 March.

2. Bill agrees that General Donovan probably was referring primarily to the action committee structure of the economic defense organization when he was critical of the large number of committees.

3. Our plan for reorganizing D/E provides increased emphasis on the collection and analysis of current intelligence bearing on evasions, violations of economic defense controls, and efforts of the Soviet Bloc to procure commodities and services from the West. At the suggestion of the ING we assumed responsibility for establishing and maintaining a unit for this purpose.

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4. A staff study is under preparation requesting approval for [REDACTED] to undertake a mission [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the importance of obtaining and forwarding information on specific details of Soviet Bloc procurement activity.

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5. I was pleased to note that the boys did not promise a direct channel to General Donovan; this could be burdensome and open to immediate criticism.

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